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**Senate Committee Set To Hear Proposed Legislation
Regarding Local Control of St. Louis Police Force**

JEFFERSON CITY — Legislation that would bring local control of the police force to the City of St. Louis will be heard in the Missouri Senate General Laws Committee on Tuesday, March 2 starting at 3 p.m. in Senate Committee Room 1.

Senator Joe Keaveny, D-St. Louis, filed [Senate Bill 643](#) this year, which would establish an ordinance that would abolish the board of police commissioners to instead have a locally-appointed police commissioner and the freedom to combine administrative functions with the city. Senator Keaveny's legislation includes language that allows all current officers and employees to keep their current salaries and all accrued benefits during the transition.

"This legislation is about fiscal responsibility and the right of the citizens of St. Louis to determine the governing structure of their city and police department," said Sen. Keaveny. "I look forward to explaining the merits of this bill to my senate colleagues in committee next week."

Senate Bill 643 Committee Hearing

Time: 3 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, March 2
Location: Senate Committee Room 1
Missouri State Capitol

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